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Informants and sources, Atlanta, have no information concerning firearms range for the exclusive use of Klan members. There are, of course, numerous privately owned firearms ranges on private property in various locations in the area covered by the Atlanta Division. It is quite possible that any of these ranges may be used by Klansmen with the approval of the owner or owners, however, Atlanta has no information concerning any range used exclusively by captioned organization or any other Klan organizations.

Atlanta will remain alert for any such situation or information relating to any range which is made available for a Klan organization and the Bureau will be advised of such information.

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RE: THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
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OO: Atlanta

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[redacted] on [redacted] orally advised that [redacted]  
a member of the NKKKK from Lodi, Ohio, contacted him theAtlanta and Mobile are being alerted to [redacted]  
contemplated visit with VENABLE and subsequent possible  
contacts with [redacted] and [redacted] No specific leads are being

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 1 - Cincinnati (157-245) (Info) (RM)  
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   (1 - [redacted])  
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set forth to make inquiry concerning this possibility inasmuch as [ ] plans appear highly tentative.

However, the Cleveland Office will remain alert to this matter and maintain contact with [ ] for any information he may be able to develop. Should any positive information be developed, interested offices will be immediately notified.

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☐ SAC \_\_\_\_\_

THE KU KLUX KLAN

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-156) (P)

SUBJECT: BARNESVILLE UNIT,  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RM - KLAN

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. A copy of the LHM is being furnished to Secret Service, Atlanta, and local military authorities.

Informant utilized in LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] has contacted [redacted] and  
has advised [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia  
March 9, 1967

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BARNESVILLE UNIT,  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

On [redacted] Atlanta [redacted] advised on February 12, 1967, members of the Barnesville Klavern of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., learned that John Grant, a Klansman from Milner, Georgia, had been shot by Negroes on February 11, 1967. [redacted]

[redacted] all Klansmen, went to Orchard Hill, Georgia, armed to investigate the shooting of John Grant. They learned there had been an altercation at the "66" Truck Stop, Orchard Hill, Georgia, on the night of February 11, 1967, between five Negro brothers and some white men. The Negroes left the truck stop to return home and John Grant and two other white men had gone to the vicinity of the Negroes' homes. Grant and the other two white men were confronted by the five Negro brothers and in the ensuing melee Grant was shot and killed. The Klansmen learned the five Negro brothers had been arrested and charged with murder. b6 b7C

[redacted] made the statement that since the Negroes were in custody they, the Klansmen, should wait until they saw what the law would do to the Negroes and if the law did not do anything then they, the Klan, would. [redacted] said he had been out of action so long he would enjoy getting into a little action.

On February 18, 1967, [redacted] stated that he wanted to kill the Negroes if the law turned them loose.

On March 8, 1967, [redacted] Spalding County Sheriff's Office, Griffin, Georgia, advised the following persons had been arrested for the murder of John Grant and

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had been released on February 27, 1967, on \$5,000 bond:

Georgia;

Georgia;

On March 8, 1967, [redacted] Georgia Bureau of Investigation Agent, Griffin, Georgia, advised the five Evans brothers and some white men had gotten into an argument at the "66" Truck Stop, Orchard Hill, Georgia, and he understood these people agreed to meet later for a "shoot-out". [redacted] said John Grant and two other white men drove to the area where the Evans brothers reside and were confronted there by the Evans brothers. [redacted] said one of the white men with Grant ran away. He said [redacted] tried to shoot his .22 caliber pistol and the gun blew up in his hand causing [redacted] to lose his hand. He stated John Grant was shot and killed. [redacted] advised the cases against the Evans brothers would be presented to the Spalding County Grand Jury.

[redacted] was advised that a threat was made by [redacted] to kill the Evans brothers in the event the law did not handle them.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Atlanta, Georgia  
March 9, 1967

Title	BARNESVILLE UNIT, NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
Character	RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
Reference	Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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Reporting Office <b>CINCINNATI</b>	Office of Origin <b>ATLANTA</b>	Date <b>3/23/67</b>	Investigative Period <b>9/15/66-3/14/67</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.</b>		Report made by <b>SA</b> [redacted]	Typed By: <b>jr</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM - KLAN</b>	

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## REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/23/66, at Cincinnati.

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(See Bufile #62-117290)

## AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

1. Follow and report all pertinent activities of this Klan organization.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Information copies of this report are being furnished to Cleveland and Louisville in view of their interest in this matter.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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**Report of:**  
**Date:**

SA [REDACTED]  
3/23/67

**Office:** CINCINNATI

**Field Office File #:** CI 157-245

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**Title:** NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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**Character:**

RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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**Synopsis:**

Cincinnati Confidential Source advised Ohio Klan members generally are in disagreement with Southern Klan leaders. [REDACTED] has held two small initiations on his farm at Oregonia, Ohio, past six months. Estimated 21 hard core NKKKK members in Southern Ohio. One cross burned on [REDACTED] farm New Years Eve, Oregonia, Ohio. No incidents involved. [REDACTED] Columbus, Ohio, self-admitted Klansman and undercover Agent for Columbus, Ohio, PD, plans on writing a book on Ohio Klan in future.

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**DETAILS:**

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. and of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc. are contained in the appendix of this report.

**A. GENERAL ACTIVITIES AND MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

On [REDACTED] furnished the following information: MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The majority of Klan people in Ohio who are "in the know" have long become dissatisfied with JAMES VENABLE and [REDACTED]. Most feel they have not come through or lived up to their promises. They

sent in no experienced personnel to set up the organization and evidently only care about themselves.

These same people have also lost faith in [redacted]  
[redacted] The complete financial structure is weak and a great deal of money is now required to get the Klan moving again in Ohio. There is strong belief that after the May, 1965, rally on [redacted] farm that VENABLE and [redacted] left with all the money and for all practical purposes this was the last that was heard from them.

On [redacted] advised as follows:

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[redacted] There was supposed to be an initiation of Klansmen on [redacted] farm Sunday, October 9, 1966. The initiating team was to consist of [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] persons were to be initiated but only [redacted] made an appearance. The initiating team also failed to show up. This made [redacted] very unhappy and as a result no one was initiated. *OHIO*

On [redacted] advised that [redacted] held a Klan initiation on his farm Sunday, October 23, 1966. The initiation was decided on at the last meeting and [redacted] individuals were present with approximately [redacted] persons being initiated. The identity of the individuals initiated will be furnished at a future date. *b2 b6 b7C b7D*

On [redacted] advised as follows:

It is closely estimated that there are approximately 21 active hard core NKKKK members residing in the Southern Ohio area. Of course this figure can change from time to time depending on types of Klan activities scheduled in Southern Ohio.

[redacted] has been talking about holding another Klan initiation on his farm Sunday, November 20, 1966, but this date has not been specifically established as yet. When the exact date is known, it will be furnished along with appropriate details.

On [redacted] advised that no one made an appearance at [redacted] farm on November 20, 1966, for initiation into the NKKKK except the initiating crew which

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consisted of [redacted], and [redacted]  
[redacted] was naturally disappointed and admitted the NKKKK future in Ohio appears dismal.

On [redacted] advised as follows:

Several of [redacted] Klan associates held a discussion on his farm recently to decide if any crosses should be burned in the Warren, Butler, or Hamilton County areas during the coming New Years holiday. A great deal of talk took place, however, nothing positive was concluded and at this point it is doubtful that any positive action will take place.

Cooperation continues to be lacking among members of the NKKKK and it is extremely difficult to get anybody to assist in any projects or plans which are discussed.

On [redacted] advised that [redacted] from Akron, Ohio, is now understood to hold title [redacted] in NKKKK of Ohio. [redacted] as visited on [redacted] farm several times in the last month and both he and [redacted] have continued talk about burning one or more crosses during New Years Eve. This is purely speculation at this point however.

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On [redacted] advised as follows:

Only one cross was burned New Years Eve, 1966-1967, and that one was burned on [redacted] farm at Oregonia, Ohio. A social gathering took place on the farm New Years Day with approximately [redacted] individuals being present. The identity of those present have been furnished. There is nothing planned by the Klan in the immediate future and most of the members are awaiting word from "higher up" but it is doubtful that this word will ever arrive.

Klan leadership and cooperation is still extremely lacking between the South and Ohio. Prospects now do not look bright for the future.

On [redacted] advised as follows:

On Saturday, January 28, 1967, a conference was held at Lodi, Ohio, consisting of NKKKK board members. A general discussion of policy took place and the location site

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was [redacted] residence. The general theme of the discussion followed that the Ohio Klan members would have to worry and protect themselves rather than be dependent on the Southern Klan leaders.

On [redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] an individual who testified before Klan hearings in Washington, D. C., about two years ago, plans on writing a book concerning the Klan in Ohio. [redacted] has a reputation among Klansmen generally as being a "double-crosser" who became affiliated with the Klan for personal financial gain. This is probably the reason he is now planning to write a book about the Klan. A ghost writer will do the actual writing of the book but his identity is currently unknown. The publisher is also unknown at this time.

The Executive Board of the NKKKK in Ohio should hold a forthcoming meeting in the near future and issue certain directives. Some of the Southern Klan leaders will be in for a surprise when they learn that the Ohio Klan operation will be acting on its own after this Executive Board meeting, if it takes place. The Ohio group is loosely operated and receives almost no cooperation from the national organization in Georgia.

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[redacted] continues to complain about having no available funds to continue organizing the Klan and his activities have been reduced a great deal in recent months. He talks about holding a Klan rally in the spring or summer however no plans have been made to this effect, as yet.

On [redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] from Akron, Ohio, and another unidentified individual made about a two-week trip through the South and stated they hoped to visit some of the Klan leaders in the South but did not specifically identify which Klan leaders. [redacted] says that he is just about broke because of his Klan activities and at this point his Klan future does not look good.

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On [redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] from Columbus, Ohio, who testified before Klan hearings in Washington, D. C. in the past, will meet with a book writer or publisher in Cincinnati, January 29, 1967.

[redacted] indicated the title of the book would read something like "Story Of The Klan In Ohio" and would consist of about 400 pages. Undoubtedly [redacted] motive is "money".

[redacted] also indicated he will level a blast at the National Knights of the KKK and praise [redacted] and the United Klans of America. The meeting site is currently unknown and the identities of persons who will be there is also unknown.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio  
March 23, 1967

Title NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX  
KLAN, INC.

Character RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Reference Report of SA [redacted]  
and captioned as above.

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
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(OO: ATLANTA)

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Re CV airtel to Bureau, [redacted] under caption [redacted]

[redacted] on [redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] met with JAMES R. VENABLE in the AT area on [redacted] as planned. VENABLE was in full accord with any suggestions made by [redacted] concerning the operation of the NKKKK in Ohio, although he offered no policy guides. [redacted] stated VENABLE was in full agreement with any and all suggestions offered by [redacted] which led him to question VENABLE's sincerity and interest in the NKKKK in Ohio.

While at Stone Mountain, Ga. VENABLE [redacted] met at the Memorial Motel on [redacted] where there were also unidentified Klansmen from Selma, Ala. One of these

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- (1 - 157- [redacted])
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individuals was identified solely as the Imperial Wizard of the US Klans. Although the specific nature of their contact with VENABLE was unknown, these [ ] Klansmen spoke in general details of the prosper of the US klans joining with the NKKKK.

[ ] advised that [ ] stayed at the residence of NKKKK member [ ] and VENABLE being cognizant of this fact, requested [ ] to ask [ ] if he, [ ] would accompany him to Texas the first part of May. VENABLE indicated he would fly, although he gave no indication of the purpose of the trip or the specific location in Texas. [ ] when asked, told [ ] he would accompany VENABLE to Texas.

On the event of [ ] and [ ] attended a Klavern [ ] meeting at the residence of [ ] in Marietta, Ga. Nothing of a particular significance transpired at this meeting other than a speech by [ ] in which he related that a white woman took her 5 - 6 year old son shopping at a department store in Marietta, Ga., about 3/13/67, and during the shopping, escorted the boy to the men's room. The woman waited outside the men's room and subsequently noted 3 young Negro youths departing the restroom "grinning". Inasmuch as she felt her son was taking a long time in the restroom, she solicited the assistance of a male clerk, who entered the men's room to find the boy lying on the restroom floor with his mouth taped and his private cut off. [ ] claimed he checked the story and this news article was blocked out of the "Atlanta Times." He stated that he wanted everyone to write the Cobb Co. SO and the "Atlanta Times" to see what is being done about this matter.

There were only [ ] individuals including [ ] at this meeting.

[ ] noted that [ ] had been arrested earlier in the year by the Cobb Co. SO on a concealed weapons charge and felt that [ ] is putting out the above story to discredit the SO as form of revenge and harassment. He felt that the story could be fabricated although he has no positive proof of this fact.

During the time [ ] and [ ] were in the AT area no arrangements were made to [ ] knowledge, for [ ] to met with former [ ] of Selma Ala., or former Alabama Governor GEORGE WALLACE, nor did [ ] and/or [ ] go to Ala.

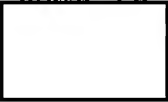
The CV Office is not furnishing this communication to the offices covering Texas as the specific location is unknown

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at this time and there is adequate time for the AT Office to verify and develop this information through their sources relative to VENABLE's contemplated trip to Texas. However, the AT Office is requested to be extremely cautious in the handling of this info as it could be possibly planted info in that it is felt that VENABLE could have already contacted  concerning this matter rather than relaying it through

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The AT and Mobile Offices will be furnished copies of informant's report at a later date.

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: MAR 28 1967

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RM (OO: Atlanta)  
Chicago File 157-895 (C)  
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"MINUTEMEN"  
INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)  
Bureau File 62-107261  
Chicago File 105-11643 (P)  
(OO: Kansas City)

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Chicago File 157-1528)  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Phoenix letter to the Bureau dated 1/31/67 captioned  
"MINUTEMEN" INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)."

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are thirteen (13)  
copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to an interview with  
the captioned individual concerning his alleged association with  
the captioned groups.

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The sources utilized within are as follows:

[redacted] Confidential Source [redacted]

Informant is [redacted]

[redacted] Confidential Source Cleveland Confidential Source

[redacted]  
(Protect requested)

The information relating to the interview of  
[redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, on March 9, 1967, was  
obtained by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is being furnished  
to the Bureau and to Kansas City (Office of origin for "MINUTEMEN")  
for indexing purposes in view of [redacted] alleged association  
with the captioned groups although as noted within, he  
subsequently denied affiliation during the interview.

Copies are also being designated for the Phoenix,  
Atlanta, and Cleveland Divisions for information purposes.

Inasmuch as [redacted] has denied affiliation  
with either of the captioned groups, and since sources of the  
Chicago, Kansas City, and Atlanta Divisions have not placed  
[redacted] in either group, this case is being marked closed.

Copies of the enclosed letterhead memorandum have  
been designated for the United States Attorney, Chicago,  
Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group,  
Evanston, Illinois.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

MINUTEMEN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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On January 15, 1967, a confidential source, who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, advised that

[redacted] was an  
individual whose name appeared on a list of persons possibly  
connected with the Minutemen organization, or members of  
such organization.

A characterization of the Minutemen is attached to  
this memorandum.

On [redacted] confidential source, a  
reliable advised that an alleged Klansman, residing in the  
Chicago area, had identified [redacted] as the individual

On March 9, 1967, [redacted]  
[redacted] formerly residing at [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed by representatives of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) relative to his  
alleged affiliation with the Minutemen and with the National  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK).

A characterization of the NKKKK is attached to this  
memorandum.

[redacted] declared initially that he was not  
now nor had he ever been a member of any Klan group or Minutemen  
organization. He vowed he was a loyal American who would not  
have anything to do with either of such groups and was disturbed  
that his name should be mentioned in this connection.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the  
FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it  
and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

MINUTEMEN

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[redacted] declared, however, that he has been the recipient of large quantities of "junk mail" from various organizations and stated that he was unaware of how his name and address had come to the attention of such organizations. He advised he could not recall the names of such organizations since he generally disposed of such mail upon its receipt and never examined its contents.

[redacted] further declared that he has no intention of becoming affiliated with either the Klan or the Minutemen and advised he is primarily concerned with earning a living and providing for the needs of his family. He reiterated his denial of membership in either group and furnished the following description to the interviewing agents:

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Place of birth  
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Weight  
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Social Security Number  
Previous Residence  
  
Previous Employment  
  
Current Residence  
  
Present Employment

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A copy of this memorandum has been designated for the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

APPENDIX"MINUTEMEN"

The "Minutemen" was organized in June, 1960. Its present headquarters are Norborne, Missouri, and [redacted] Norborne, Missouri, is the national coordinator. Statements by [redacted] and literature distributed by the organization in the past indicated its purpose to be the resistance to, and exposure of, the spread of communist influence within the United States; for the formation of a guerrilla or underground organization to combat the troops of any foreign powers which might eventually occupy this country; and resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms. b6 b7C

The Kansas City Star Newspaper, Kansas City, Missouri, has on numerous occasions, carried various articles concerning [redacted] and the "Minutemen," wherein it was stated that members of the organization participate in maneuvers utilizing guerrilla tactics with machine guns, mortars, grenades, and other firearms.

[redacted] has publicly stated on numerous occasions that the "Minutemen" as an organization does not buy or store arms or ammunition; however, the individual members of the organization maintain arms and ammunition, which is their constitutional right.

"Minutemen" literature mailed to members in the past has furnished instructions in the use of explosives and has also given details for the making of explosive compounds from such readily accessible ingredients as a common fertilizer, ammonium nitrate.

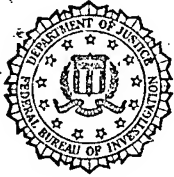
In May, 1966, a confidential source advised that [redacted] in a recent message to the national coordinators of "Minutemen," announced the "Minutemen" organization was being divided into two separate bodies. One group to be composed directly of members who have been able to maintain complete secrecy of their identity, from both the public and from Government investigative agencies. The second group to be made up of all members who have been publicly identified, or who there is reason to believe have been identified as "Minutemen" members by an agency of the Federal Government.

"MINUTEMEN"

In announcing the reorganization, [ ] stated that a complete resistance movement involving total resistance must involve not only guerrilla warfare, but that it must involve psychological and political warfare as well.

[ ] stated that what he was proposing and trying to effect was to build a political party that as such would have legal immunity, which would serve as a communications network for patriots that have other interests, and among whose members these other patriots can maintain their secrecy of identify. All future correspondence and communications on the national level will be done in the name of the Patriotic Party. [ ] also advised that if ever called to court, as he expected to be in the future, he was going to state that as far as the national organization is concerned, the "Minutemen" had ceased to exist. b6 b7C

[ ] in the announcement, continued to the effect there is no reason why at some future date, when the environment is more conducive to military action, that the Patriotic Party cannot be used once again to pull together various local organizations into one national organization. By acting both as a front and as a means of coordination, the Patriotic Party can be invaluable in the building of a future resistance movement.



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Title "MINUTEMEN"



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Reference RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

is made to letterhead memorandum dated  
and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.



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Date: 3/13/67

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND [REDACTED]  
RE: [REDACTED]

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Re CV airtel to Bureau, 2/21/67, under caption of

"NKKKKK."

Reairtel reflects that [REDACTED] a NKKKK member from Lodi, Ohio, expected to meet with NKKKK Imperial Wizard, JAMES R. VENABLE, in the Atlanta area in the near future with the expectation that VENABLE make arrangements for him to meet with [REDACTED] of Selma, Ala., and former Ala. Governor GEORGE WALLACE.

[REDACTED] advised that plans to meet with VENABLE have been solidified and he will accompany [REDACTED] to Atlanta. They will depart the CV area about 6:00 PM, Friday, 3/17/67, and expect to drive straight through to Atlanta arriving there about 9:00 AM, Saturday. They will confer with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who wants to meet with [REDACTED] on this trip although [REDACTED] must be back to work Monday, 3/20/67, and therefore, feels that they will not have time to make an additional trip to Alabama.

[REDACTED] mentioned this fact to [REDACTED] who advised [REDACTED]

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3-Atlanta (157-60) (1 - 157- JAMES R. VENABLE) (RM)  
3-Mobile (1 - 157- NKKKK) (RM)  
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The Atlanta and Mobile Offices are being alerted to the above trip.

[redacted] personally [redacted] automobile will be utilized for the trip. It is a 1960 Mercedes Benz four door sedan, model 190 D, black color, and bears 1966 Ohio license [redacted]

[redacted] will not be in contact with the Atlanta Office. However, in an emergency situation, he will telephonically contact SA [redacted] who has previously handled informant in the Atlanta Division, and use the code name [redacted].  
b2 No request is being made for additional funds to cover informant's  
b6 expenses and services in connection with this trip as this will  
b7C be adequately handled out of existing authorization.  
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The Cleveland Office will permit [redacted] to proceed to Atlanta as planned.

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Date: 4-4-67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)(P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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[redacted] on [redacted] informed that [redacted] one of the two current leaders of the NKKKK in Ohio, on 1-2-67 informed him that he had been appointed National Head of the Klan Bureau of Investigation (KBI) with the inference that it was the KBI of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (IEKKKK). [redacted] advised that JAMES R. VENABLE, [redacted] of the NKKKK, had re-instituted the idea of a merger of the NKKKK with the IEKKKK, which is [redacted] by [redacted] of St. Petersburg, Florida. [redacted] was somewhat hazy as to his explanation of this merger but basically indicated that the NKKKK and the IEKKKK are virtually the same organization with different names and the current NKKKK Klavern will be used to recruit Klansmen into the IEKKKK. [redacted] had in his possession a letter from [redacted] which he momentarily held before [redacted] and then added that [redacted] mentioned in the letter that [redacted] the other current leader of the NKKKK in Ohio, had been in Florida for a weeks Klan training and that [redacted] had been made a Second Degree Klansman. He also stated that [redacted] wants all Koadjuants to become Second Degree Klansmen.

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Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] during the initial stages of this meeting, appointed [redacted] head of the KBI for Ohio and indicated that he had the authority to make this appointment. In this connection, he advised that [redacted] letter was strictly confidential and he, [redacted] was only to discuss the contents with members of the KBI and inasmuch as [redacted] was appointed head of the KBI for Ohio, he was disclosing the contents of the letter to him.

The AT and TP offices will recall that during the second half of 1966, [redacted] was pushing the merger of the IEKKKK and NKKKK then suddenly dropped his efforts when VENABLE no longer condoned the idea. It is also to be noted that during the recent past, [redacted] has shown some dissatisfaction with the NKKKK and has indicated that he may go with another Klan organization.

The above is the first indication to the CV office that these efforts for a merger have possibly been re-instituted however, in view of [redacted] somewhat hazy explanation, the AT and TP offices are requested to advise if they are in possession of information in this direction or perhaps the possibility that [redacted] is making this effort on his own initiation.

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TP office is also requested to furnish characterizations suitable for inclusion in future reports on the IEKKKK and [redacted]

AT and TP offices will subsequently be furnished copies of informants reports.

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 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (RM)  
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Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated 4/4/67.

On 4/11/67, confidential source [ ] advised she has obtained no information indicating that any activity is presently under way which would indicate a merger of the NKKKK and the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Atlanta has received no other indication that such a merger may be taking place.

In the event such information is obtained by Atlanta, the Bureau and interested offices will be advised.

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Synopsis: No rallies have taken place in Indiana since the one in Dillsboro, Indiana. Suit filed by NKKKK to test constitutionality of Indiana State laws which prohibit "racketeering in hate."

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## DETAILS:

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) is set forth in the appendix of this report.

Indiana State Organization

Confidential informant IP [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that information has come to his attention that the NKKKK is defunct in the State of Indiana.

Litigation

The records of the Clerk of the Court, United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, were made available by [REDACTED]

The records reflect no additional information, and she advised no action has been taken to date by the Federal Court.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A [ ] source advised in [ ] that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

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The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A [ ] source advised in [ ] that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The [ ] source advised in [ ] that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of James R. Venable, Chairman.





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Re Cleveland airtel to Director 4/4/67, also  
 Pittsburgh letter to Director 2/16/67 entitled [redacted]  
 [redacted] RM - KLAN.

Enclosed for Atlanta and Cleveland are xerox  
 copy each of items furnished by Pittsburgh with relet  
 2/16/67 as described below.

1. A letter dated 12/13/66 from [redacted]  
 to [redacted]
2. A letter dated 12/23/66 to [redacted]  
 from [redacted]
3. Letter dated 1/4/66 to [redacted] from  
 [redacted]
4. A three page typed outline which appears  
 to describe the National Extension Department  
 Headquarters of the Klan [redacted] by [redacted]  
 [redacted]
5. A letter dated 1/4/67 to [redacted]  
 from [redacted]
6. A letter dated 1/23/67 to [redacted]  
 from [redacted]

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7. A letter dated 1/2/67 to C. LEWIS FOWLER  
from [redacted]

8. A letter dated 1/2/67 to [redacted] from [redacted]  
[redacted]

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For information of the Cleveland Office, Tampa has no characterization of either the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (IE KKKK) or of C. LEWIS FOWLER, however the enclosures (copies have been furnished to the Bureau by Pittsburgh) indicate that a move was made apparently in September 1966 to reactivate the IE KKKK, and same sent folder of pertinent facts about the organization.

It is to be noted that no effort to reactivate the IE KKKK has been reported in the area covered by Tampa Division.

Dr. C. LEWIS FOWLER, head of Maranatha Bible Seminary, 801 28th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida is 84 years of age and deaf. He is a native of North Carolina, was ordained a minister in 1899 and holds degrees from Fagston Academy, Furman University, Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Center, Massachusetts and has studied at Oxford University. FOWLER has been reported in the past to have talked the anti-Semitic and anti-Negro lines.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245)

SUBJECT: NKKKK, Inc. *National Knights of The Ku Klux Klan*  
RM - KLANALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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On [redacted] (Prob) furnished the following  
information:

A meeting has been scheduled [redacted] on  
[redacted] farm at Oregonia, Ohio. Interested Klansmen  
from Ohio have been invited by letter to attend.

It appears the purpose of the meeting will be  
to re-organize the Klan under one group and decide what  
type action will be taken in coming months.

Previous to this date, [redacted] has acted very  
discreetly about this meeting and evidently has said  
nothing to anyone in connection with the meeting. It is  
not currently known as to the number of individuals who  
will attend this meeting.

[redacted] (Prob) has been instructed to follow  
closely.

LHM will be submitted if meeting takes place.

Warren County SO (Lebanon, Ohio) advised and  
alerted of above 4/26/67.

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2 - Atlanta (RM)  
2 - Cleveland (RM)  
3 - Cincinnati (2-157-245) [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RM - KLAN

OO: ATLANTA

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Re CV airtel to the Bureau, [ ] under caption  
[ ] advising of this informant's trip to the Atlanta  
area.

[ ] on [ ] informed that he returned  
from the Atlanta area early AM of 5/3/67. On Saturday  
4/29/67 he attended what was scheduled to be a NKKKK  
initiation at Tucker, Ga., however, because non-Klansmen  
were present, the initiation was not held. However, at  
the affair [ ] learned there is much dissatisfaction  
with the leadership of the JAMES R. VENABLE, who was not  
present. From conversation with [ ] an  
[ ] from Ala., [ ] felt [ ] subtly  
indicated he would like to replace VENABLE as the leader  
of the NKKKK.

[ ] an Ohio NKKKK [ ] who accompanied  
[ ] to Atlanta purposely went to the Stone Mountain,  
Ga., residence of VENABLE early AM of 5/2/67 to catch  
VENABLE, because of his past avoidance of a confrontation  
with [ ] of Ohio NKKKK matters. VENABLE was supposedly  
in Texas and Calif., which may be information put out  
by VENABLE to avoid seeing NKKKK Ohio leaders, which he  
knew were due to come to the Atlanta area instant weekend.

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[ ] did see VENABLE, who briefly advised that all Ohio NKKKK Offices were abolished. He then told [ ] that he had to go feed his horses and he agreed to return to confer with [ ] however, he never returned to keep this appointment.

[ ] informed that later that morning he ran into VENABLE on a back road in the Stone Mountain area and assumes VENABLE was there attempting to avoid [ ] [ ] asked VENABLE to return to his residence where they could discuss Ohio Klan matters, however, VENABLE refused to do so and they briefly took up the matter on the back road. VENABLE advised that there are no longer any NKKKK state officers in Ohio, including the positions of Great Titan and Grand Dragon, although he did not specifically name any one individual. VENABLE advised that he wants to work on an individual Klavern basis, which [ ] feels would by-pass a state NKKKK organizational setup and thereby give VENABLE more direct control.

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VENABLE then mentioned that on April 30, 1967, [ ] held an election at his farm in Oregonia, Ohio, and as a result [ ] was ousted as the EC of Klavern [ ] advised VENABLE that he had not been notified of the election and therefore the election was not legal. VENABLE agreed. [ ] then insisted that VENABLE write [ ] a letter to this effect. However, VENABLE originally refused, but then agreed to the letter which he wrote in longhand to the effect that the election was illegal and [ ] is still EC of Klavern #6.

It is [ ] opinion that VENABLE is getting more senile and absent minded by the manner in which VENABLE handles himself. In this regard he noted that VENABLE keeps contradicting himself.

The above information tends to indicate a dissatisfaction with VENABLE as the leader of the NKKKK, as well as possible friction on a National and State level. However, due to the nature of this information it would appear to be premature to incorporate this information into

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a LHM and is being set forth for recipient offices as a guide for further corroboration, especially in view of VENABLE's vacillation between various Klan groups within his organization and his contradictory nature. In this respect a detailed informant report of this matter will be furnished recipient offices who are in a good position to analyze the material.

The CV office will continue to follow developments in this matter.



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1cc NIA Unit  
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URGENT

TO SAC ATLANTA (157-60)

1 Mr. D. J. Brennan b6  
1 [redacted] b7C

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-168) - 782

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RACIAL MATTER  
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NOTE:

Venable is Imperial Wizard of National Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., which is headquartered in  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Radiogram utilized in view of urgency of request.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-156) (P)

SUBJECT: BARNESVILLE UNIT  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,  
RM - KLAN

ReATairtel dated, 3/9/67.

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will keep Atlanta advised of any new developments and  
Atlanta will advise Bureau.

C. C. Wick

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FROM ATLANTA 101938

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RACIAL MATTERS  
 (KLAN).

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REBURAD MAY 10 INSTANT, CONCERNING INQUIRY RECEIVED

CS

JAMES R. VENABLE

ADVISED MAY 10 INSTANT THAT VENABLE HAS RECEIVED OCCASIONAL  
 PIECES OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM AUSTRALIA FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS;  
 HOWEVER, VENABLE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH OF HIS  
 ORGANIZATION IN AUSTRALIA. SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT VENABLE  
 IS PRONE TO GREATLY EXAGGERATE MEMBERSHIP OF HIS ORGANIZATION  
 AND HAS DONE SO FREQUENTLY IN THE PAST.

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ADVISED ON MAY 10 INSTANT THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NO BRANCH OF

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PAGE TWO FROM ATLANTA 101938

THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN AUSTRALIA. THIS SOURCE STATED THAT CAPTIONED KLAN GROUP IS AT A VERY LOW POINT IN ITS MEMBERSHIP DESPITE EFFORTS AND TRAVEL BY WENABLE TO BUILD MEMBERSHIP.

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CC- Mr Walsh

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CLEVELAND</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>ATLANTA</b>	DATE <b>5/15/67</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/27/67 - 5/10/67</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>slc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RACIAL MATTER - KLAN</b>	

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REFERENCES

Report of SA  1/30/67, at Cleveland.

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LEADSCLEVELANDAT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will follow and report the activities of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan within the Cleveland Division.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The Cincinnati Office is being furnished one informational copy of this report in view of their interest in this matter.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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1 - OSI, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio  
Copy to: 1 - NIS, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
1 - Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio

Report of: SA [REDACTED]

Date: 5/15/67

Office: CLEVELAND

Field Office File #: 100-10261

Bureau File #: 157-168

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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Character: RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] still considered Northern Ohio leaders of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK). [REDACTED] again pushing for reactivation of merger of Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan with NKKKK. Klavern #6, Cleveland, members, have engaged in Klan Kraft practice, and on 2/19/67, held a hearing on a former member who spoke openly of Klan matters while intoxicated.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) is contained in the appendix section of this report.

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I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTUREA. State Leadership

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] informed that there has been no change in state leadership of the NKKKK in Northern Ohio, although state positions are not well defined and may, in fact, be non-existent. According to [REDACTED] the Northern Ohio state leadership of the NKKKK continues to be in the hands of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] although there has been little recent activity on their part.



B. State Connection With National Organization of NKKKK

[ ] on [ ] MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION advised that he recently learned that [ ] of Klavern Number [ ] Cleveland, Ohio, and [ ] an active member of the NKKKK from Lodi, Ohio, went to Georgia where they conferred with JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK, at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on March 18, 1967.

VENABLE advised these Ohio Klansmen that he would stand behind their organizational activities in Ohio on behalf of the NKKKK such as weeding out non-dues payers and non-participants in Klan activities. VENABLE appeared to be in full agreement with any suggestions made by [ ] or [ ] which gave some question as to his actual interest in the NKKKK in Ohio, as he actually afforded no policy guides.

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C. Reactivation of Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (IEKKKK)

[ ] on [ ] informed that [ ] one of the two current leaders of the NKKKK in Ohio, on April 2, 1967, informed that he had been appointed National Head of the Klan Bureau of Investigation (KBI) with the inference that it was the KBI of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (IEKKKK). [ ] advised that JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK, had re-instituted the idea of a merger of the NKKKK with the IEKKKK, which is headed by C. LEWIS FOWLER of St. Petersburg, Florida. [ ] was somewhat hazy as to his explanation of this merger but basically indicated that the NKKKK and the IEKKKK are virtually the same organization with different names and the current NKKKK Klaverns will be used to recruit Klansmen into the IEKKKK.

[ ] also mentioned that on [ ] advised that he appointed [ ] the [ ] of Klavern [ ] Cleveland, Ohio, as the head of the KBI for Ohio and indicated he had the authority to make this appointment.

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Relative to the above, [ ] on [ ] advised on a national level that there was no activity underway which would indicate a merger of the NKKKK and IEKKKK.

[ ] on [ ] informed he has heard no further information of a possible merger between the NKKKK and IEKKKK. However, he recalled that during late 1967, [ ] and [ ] were pushing such a merger although during December, 1966, these plans were suddenly dropped.

[ ] further noted that [ ] has had recent discord with JAMES R. VENABLE and may be reactivating the idea of the IEKKKK because of his personal differences with VENABLE over the operation of the NKKKK in Ohio.

[ ] who is familiar with Klan activities in Pinellas County, Florida, on April 28, 1967, informed that C. LEWIS FOWLER is an old man with very few followers, perhaps only a dozen, in St. Petersburg, Florida. [ ] does not believe FOWLER is head of the IEKKKK due to his age, although FOWLER may represent himself as the head of IEKKKK. [ ] is of the opinion that FOWLER is either senile or suffers from some mental deficiency.

## II. KLAVERNS

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

### A. Klavern Number [ ] Cleveland, Ohio

[ ] on [ ] informed that the only currently operating NKKKK Klavern in Northern Ohio is Klavern Number [ ] Cleveland, Ohio, which carries 63 members of its rolls, of whom only about ten have shown any actual interest in the past few months. He noted that the only known officers of the Klavern Number [ ] are [ ] who is the [ ] and [ ] who is the [ ]. About \$100.00 of the Klavern's funds are entrusted to [ ] who maintains these funds in his personal possession. Klavern Number 6 maintains no headquarters and has no publications.

III. ACTIVITIES

A. Klavern Number 6 Meetings

[ ] on [ ] advised that there has been no Klavern Number 6 meetings since January 15, 1967.

B. Klan Kraft Practice

[ ] on [ ] informed that [ ] members of Klavern [ ] met informally with [ ] at his residence in Cleveland, Ohio, on the night of [ ] at which time they practiced Klan Kraft (Klan ceremonial rituals).

C. Klavern Number 6 Judicial Hearing

[ ] on [ ] informed that a Klavern hearing was held on [ ] at the residence of [ ] in Cleveland. b2 b6

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

MMMS. This hearing was based on charges by [ ] that [ ] and his [ ] had threatened her with bodily harm and the countercharges brought by the [ ] that [ ] was [ ] about the [ ] and the Klan while she was intoxicated. b7C b7D

[ ] noted that [ ] recently resigned from the NKKKK and although invited to this hearing, [ ] The [ ] are current members of Klavern #6, and were present at this hearing in addition to [ ] and [ ] other Klavern #6 members.

[ ] mentioned that as a result of this hearing, it was concluded that the [ ] had, in fact, been talking about [ ] meaning that they threatened physical action against [ ] when she openly gave away Klan secrets while intoxicated.

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[ ] was to be informed of the results of the hearing with the admonition that if she continues to discuss Klan matters without reservations that the matter will be then referred to the Klan's Disciplinary Committee.

[ ] mentioned that there is, in fact, no Klan Disciplinary Committee and that it was only said for the purpose of scaring [ ] into maintaining silence about Klan matters.

D. Reactivation of Inactive Members

[ ] on [ ] informed that during the latter part of March, 1967, [ ] of Klavern #6, Cleveland, Ohio, embarked on a program to recontact inactive members who are carried on the rolls of Klavern #6 in an attempt to reactivate them.

To date, only about [ ] inactive members have been recontacted, however, they have shown a renewed interest in the NKKKK.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland, Ohio

May 15, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 100-10261

Title NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Character RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

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Reference

Report of SA [redacted]  
dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO (S) REC-52 EX-103  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI ((157-168)) — 1124

1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan

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NOTE:

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*Pen*  
is Imperial Wizard of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,  
Inc., which is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. ~~Inasmuch~~  
as Bufiles were negative regarding this, our sources were  
recontacted 5/10/67 in Atlanta and furnished information  
set out above.

No caption utilized on incoming [redacted] hence,  
no caption used in reply.

Cablegram utilized in view of urgency of request.

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Date: 5/11/67

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
 FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245)

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 DATE 8-24-88 BY SP8 JFJ/ab

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
 RM - KLAN

OO: ATLANTA

Re CI airtel to Bureau, 4/27/67 and CI airtel to  
 LS, 5/1/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies  
 of an LHM suitable for dissemination.

Enclosed for Atlanta are two copies of LHM; one  
 copy of LHM enclosed for Cleveland and Louisville, respectively  
 for information purposes.

One copy of above mentioned LHM has been disseminated  
 locally to USA, Cincinnati, Ohio; U. S. Secret Service,  
 Cincinnati and 109th MI Group, Cincinnati.

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ (Prob), who has furnished  
 information to SA \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. -8) (RM)  
 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (Enc. -2) (RM)  
 1 - Cleveland (Enc. -1) (Info) (RM)  
 1 - Louisville (Enc. -1) (Info) (RM)  
 2 - Cincinnati (1 - 157-245)

EMS:jmb

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

CI 157-245

[redacted] Warren County Sheriff's  
Office, Lebanon, Ohio, was advised and alerted of Klan meetin b6  
by SA [redacted] on 4/26/67. b7C





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

May 11, 1967

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s) (1)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
May 11, 1967

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DATE 8-24-88 BY SP8/ty/ptk

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,  
MEETING HELD [REDACTED] ON THE FARM OF  
[REDACTED] OREGONIA, OHIO (WARREN COUNTY)

The following is a summary of information furnished  
[REDACTED] by [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information  
in the past.

KY.  
OHIO  
A Klan reorganization meeting was held on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] farm, April 30, 1967, for the purpose of reorganizing  
Klaverns in Ohio and also to permit a general discussion  
about future Klan affairs. Approximately 75 individuals were  
present.

[REDACTED] decided to set up a Klavern for the Warren-  
Butler area and placed [REDACTED]

also [REDACTED]  
OHIO - KY.  
The Cleveland Ohio Klavern is apparently  
disorganized and [REDACTED] is reportedly  
banished from his position. Currently it is difficult to  
determine who is in charge there.

The Lodi, Ohio Klavern currently [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] will remain as it is with no changes planned. [REDACTED]  
also hopes to open a Klavern in the Middletown, or Dayton,  
Ohio area. He indicated that he will call another meeting  
about the end of May, 1967, and at that time hopes to appoint  
several state organizers to assist him in his operations.

[REDACTED] also made plans to travel to Louisville,

157-168-1786

ENCLOSURE

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. MEETING HELD  
APRIL 30, 1967, ON [REDACTED] OREGONIA,  
OHIO (WARREN COUNTY)

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Kentucky, May 2, 1967, which is during Kentucky Derby week  
with the following Klan associates accompanying him:

- (1) [REDACTED] who will use the name of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- (2) [REDACTED] who will be acting as a representative  
from Ohio; KY.
- (3) [REDACTED] who will be acting as a representative  
from Tennessee; KY.
- (4) [REDACTED] who will be acting as a representative  
from Virginia. KY.

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No violence or incidents were planned.

The purpose of the trip will be to secure publicity  
as a "publicity stunt" during the derby week to present the  
Klan in the eyes of the public.

The above trip was carried out and all individuals  
mentioned above appeared in Louisville and at the vicinity of  
the Churchill Downs Racetrack where the Kentucky Derby race *was*  
~~will be~~ held Saturday May 6, 1967. All of the Klansmen appeared  
in Klan robes with the exception of [REDACTED] who was dressed in  
a business suit. The desired publicity was obtained with  
no incidents or violence. All returned to Ohio, May 3, 1967.

A characterization of the National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan is contained in the appendix hereto.

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s) **(1)**

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Date: 5/18/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)  
 RE: NKKKK  
 RM - KLAN

OO: ATLANTA

OKnights of the Ku Klux Klan Inc

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 DATE 8-28-88 BY SP-7

[redacted] on [redacted] informed he received a telephone call  
 night of 5/17/67 from [redacted] at Oregonia, Ohio, [redacted]  
 to the effect that NKKKK Klansman  
 ED GREEN of the Covington, Kentucky, area had passed away and will  
 be buried Saturday at Latonia, Kentucky.

[redacted] expected to notify local Klansmen and have some  
 representation at funeral. It also appears that Klansmen from  
 Cincinnati Division will be expected to do same.

[redacted] and NKKKK Klanswoman [redacted]  
 definitely will attend funeral.

[redacted] will utilize his POA a 1960 Mercedes Benz, 4  
 door sedan, model 190D, bearing 1967 Ohio license [redacted]

UACB the Cleveland Office will permit [redacted] to  
 attend funeral. No additional funds being requested for trip as  
 this will adequately be handled under existing authority.

- 5 - Bureau  
 2 - [redacted]  
 3 - Louisville  
 1 - 157 [redacted]  
 1 - Cincinnati (157-245)  
 4 - Cleveland  
 2 - [redacted]

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 Approved: [redacted]  
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/22/67

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DATE 8-29-88 BY SP8/BJ/et

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: 0 NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN  
(OO: Atlanta)

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated 5/18/67.

For the information of the Atlanta Office, referenced airtel reflected that NKKKK Klamman [redacted] of the Covington b2  
Kentucky area had passed away and that [redacted] would attend b6  
funeral, 5/20/67, in Kentucky. b7C

[redacted] telephonically contacted Cleveland Office b7D  
afternoon of [redacted] and in absence of handling agent, left  
message that he was leaving for a one-week vacation in Kentucky  
and Georgia. No other details given.

The above is being furnished to alert the Atlanta  
Office to [redacted] probable presence in their division.  
The identity of [redacted] is already known to the Atlanta  
Office.

- 4 - Bureau [redacted]
- 2 - Atlanta (157-60)
- 1 - Louisville (Info)
- 1 - Cleveland

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Approved: 1967  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/19/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RM - KLAN

OO: ATLANTA

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-22-88 BY [signature]

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 5/4/67 and  
Cincinnati airtel and LHM to Bureau, 5/11/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one xerox copy and for  
the Atlanta office two xerox copies of a handwritten letter  
by NKKKK Imperial Wizard JAMES R. VENABLE dated May 1st,  
1967, Stone Mtn., Ga.

b2 Referenced Cleveland airtel reflects VENABLE  
b6 personally gave [redacted] a letter written by him in infor-  
b7C mant's presence to the effect that [redacted] is still  
b7D the [redacted] of Klavern [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio.

[redacted] on [redacted] exhibited VENABLE's letter  
to SA [redacted] however, was unable to relinquish  
it because of the nature of the letter and impending contacts  
with local Klansman. On 5/16/67, informant turned the letter  
over to SA [redacted] who had it xeroxed. The original was  
returned to [redacted] on [redacted] at which time he authenticated  
one of the xeroxed copies of the letter. (Authenticated  
xerox copy filed as [redacted])

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
(1 - 157-JAMES R. VENABLE)
- 3 - Atlanta (157-60) (Enc. 2) (RM)  
(1 - 157-JAMES R. VENABLE)
- 1 - Cincinnati (157-245) (info) (RM)
- 1 - Mobile (info) (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland
- EPG/klg

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6 MAY 20 1967

Approved: [signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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See sent of pg. 2 para. 2



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The Cleveland Office feels there is no need for obtaining the original letter from CV-711-R unless the Bureau or Atlanta disagree.

The Bureau and Atlanta are being furnished with xerox copies of VENABLE's handwriting in the event samples of such are needed at a later date.

Bureau, Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Mobile Offices are requested to change date of 5/2/67 appearing on page 1, 3rd paragraph, line 3 of referenced Cleveland airtel to read 5/1/67, as subsequent contact with informant revealed this to be the correct date.



157-168-790

ENCLOSURE

May 1st 1967  
Stone Mtn Ga

To all Klansmen  
& Klan Member

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-29-88 BY SP8uz/jat

This is to notify all Klan People  
belonging to National Klan group  
that the meeting held April 30th 1967  
in which a group voted  
[redacted] out of the Klan  
and as E.C. was not in order  
and a special because this could  
only be done as written charges  
have been brought against him  
and he has had a trial as  
promised by the Unit of the Klan  
until this time his has been  
done he is still E.C. of his  
Klan and he is in the Klan

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Not a part of the Klan  
[redacted]

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DATE 8-29-88 BY SP8 *[signature]*

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SAC, Cleveland (100-10261)

6/12/67

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Director, FBI (157-168)-794  
EX-103

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**NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)**

ReCVairtel 6/6/67 captioned "National Knights Of  
The Ku Klux Klan; Racial Matters (Klan)."

Promptly resubmit information furnished in  
referenced letter in a form suitable for dissemination.  
Recipient offices alert sources to ascertain specific  
information relating to the proposed meeting between former  
Alabama Governor George C. Wallace and Imperial Wizard  
James R. Venable of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

2 - Atlanta (157-60)  
2 - Mobile

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DATE 8-29-88 BY SP8 JY/JSK

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**NOTE:**

A Cleveland racial informant learned from one  
[redacted] an active klansman from Lodi, Ohio, that he  
had heard from an unnamed source that Imperial Wizard  
Venable of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and  
former Alabama Governor Wallace were to meet in the near  
future somewhere in the South to discuss Wallace's bid in  
the coming Presidential race. This information is desired  
in a form suitable for dissemination and specific information  
obtained.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Wick \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: 6/6/67

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P) *Blair*O NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

OO: ATLANTA

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-29-88 BY SP8 JY/SLb2  
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[redacted] an active NKKKK from Lodi, Ohio, this date advised [redacted] that he heard from an unnamed source that JAMES R. VENABLE and former Alabama Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE are meeting in the near future somewhere in the South to discuss WALLACE's bid in the coming Presidential race. [redacted] indicated he did not know the exact date or specific location of the meeting and it is [redacted] opinion that [redacted] had no first-hand knowledge of this meeting.

The Cleveland Office is unaware of how widespread the above information may be; however, is furnishing same to the Atlanta and Mobile Offices in order that they may be alerted to this possibility.

4 - Bureau (RM)  
(1 - 157- JAMES R. VENABLE)  
(1 - 157- GEORGE C. WALLACE)

3 - Atlanta (157-60)(RM)  
(1 - 157- JAMES R. VENABLE)

3 - Mobile (RM)  
(1 - 157- GEORGE C. WALLACE)

2 - Cleveland  
EPC/bjd  
D. C. [redacted]

*1cc/Mob Unit*

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Approved: *ChBI* Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 6/13/67

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
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b7DALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-29-88 BY SP8 BJS/...

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

OO: AT

Re Bulet to Cleveland, 6/12/67; and Cleveland airtel  
to Bureau, 6/6/67.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth  
in referenced Bulet, there are enclosed herewith eight (8)  
copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination reflecting  
information contained in referenced Cleveland airtel.

The Atlanta and Mobile Offices are each being  
furnished six (6) copies of the LHM in the event dissemination  
is determined necessary in their respective divisions.

No dissemination of the LHM is being made by the  
Cleveland Office in an absence of local interest.

A confidential informant mentioned in the LHM is

The Cleveland Office has instructed [ ] to be  
alert to any additional information concerning this matter.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)  
2 - Atlanta (157-60) (Enc. 6) (RM)  
2 - Mobile (Enc. 6) (RM)  
1 - Cleveland

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157-168-795

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.  
DEPT. ISD: CRD

14 JUN 14 1967

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Klan Unit

DATE FORW: 6-15-67

HOW FORW: RS

BY: JWC - RBJ

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio  
June 13, 1967

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

INFORMATION RELATING TO MEETING BETWEEN  
NKKKK IMPERIAL WIZARD JAMES R. VENABLE AND  
FORMER ALABAMA GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE

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DATE 8-29-88 BY SP8 JF/6

A characterization of the National Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) appears as an  
Appendix attached hereto.

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A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past on the day-to-day activities of the NKKKK,  
on June 6, 1967, advised that [ ] a member of the Ohio  
Realm of the NKKKK who is active in the Lodi, Ohio area, had on  
June 6, 1967, informed that he heard from an unnamed source that  
JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK, whose headquarters  
are located in Tucker, Georgia, and former Governor of Alabama  
GEORGE C. WALLACE are meeting in the near future somewhere in  
the South to discuss WALLACE's bid in the coming Presidential  
race. [ ] did not know the exact date or specific location  
of this meeting, and it was this confidential informant's opinion  
that [ ] had no first-hand knowledge of this meeting.

This confidential informant was recontacted on June 13,  
1967, at which time he advised that he possessed no further informa-  
tion concerning this matter.

157-168-795  
ENCLOSURE

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

(1)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their names be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A [ ] source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960-1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social and benevolent order." b2 b7D

A [ ] source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The [ ] source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

APPENDIX

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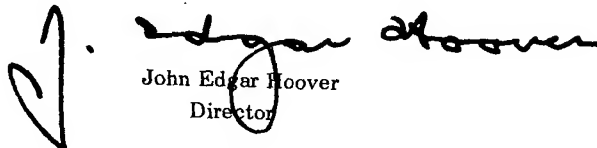
## Federal Bureau of Investigation

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

- ☒ 1. For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.
- ☐ 2. No further investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.
- ☐ 3. You will be advised of the pertinent developments in connection with this inquiry.
- ☐ 4. Please note change in caption of this case.
- ☐ 5. Status of case: ☐ Completed ☐ Incomplete

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland, Ohio  
June 13, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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the South to discuss WALLACE's bid in the coming Presidential  
race. [ ] did not know the exact date or specific location  
of this meeting, and it was this confidential informant's opinion  
that [ ] had no first-hand knowledge of this meeting.

This confidential informant was recontacted on June 13,  
1967, at which time he advised that he possessed no further informa-  
tion concerning this matter.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (HKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their names be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A [ ] source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960-1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social and benevolent order."

A [ ] source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The [ ] source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

APPENDIX

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 6/20/67

FROM : *WBS/4* SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP-8 PBJ/501

SUBJECT: NKKKK, INC.  
RM - KLAN  
OO: ATLANTA

*THE KU KLUX KLAN*

*B* Rerep of SA  3/23/67, at  
Cincinnati.

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UACB, the quarterly report concerning this case  
will not be submitted and next report will be furnished  
Bureau by 9/23/67.

Any information considered pertinent in connection  
with this case has previously been furnished office of origin  
and interested offices.

- 10 *(2)* Bureau (RM)  
1 - Atlanta (157-60) (Info)  
2 - Cincinnati

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JUN 21 1967

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*[Signature]*

*1cc/Klan Unit*



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JUN 29 1967

Date: 6/27/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,  
RM (KLAN)  
(OO: Atlanta)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-28-88 BY [redacted]

On [redacted] advised that on 6/20/67 [redacted] telephonically contacted informant requesting informant to have [redacted] present for a telephone call at 9:00 p.m. 6/20/67. [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] and advised he had something to inform them that he could not discuss over the telephone. He made arrangements to contact them at 8:30 p.m. at the Greyhound Bus Station, Columbus, Georgia. [redacted] advised contact was made with [redacted] at which time [redacted] claimed he had been in contact with a Bureau employee in Washington, D.C. with whom [redacted] had attended high school. [redacted] stated this person told him [redacted] Bureau file, along with approximately 40 or 50 others including that of [redacted] had been sent to the Department of Justice. [redacted] advised [redacted] to contact their attorney in Athens, Georgia, to advise the attorney that [redacted] did not plan to enter a guilty plea in Crawfordville, Georgia, as he felt the Federal Government would "throw the book at him."

[redacted] did not feel the information was of any importance and doubts [redacted] has any friend who is employed

- ③ - Bureau (RM)  
3 - Mobile (RM)  
4 - Atlanta (2 - 157-60)

(1 - 157-992)

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JUN 29 1967

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Approved: Jvlr um

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Myers, C.D. Bureau 7/1/67  
6-1-67  
JED:JVN:dm  
7/3/67

AT 157-60

by the FBI and feels [redacted] story was just an effort by [redacted] to enhance his stature with other members of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

[redacted] was advised to immediately notify contacting agent if he receives any information which would indicate that a Bureau employee is furnishing information to [redacted] or any other person.

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Bufile for [redacted] is 157-4329. [redacted] has been designated on the bombing suspect list of the Mobile Office. [redacted] has been a member of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Vigilantes, and the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., On 4/25/64, [redacted] was arrested at Griffin, Ga., after he and other members of UKA set fire to a cross in front of a Negro's place of business while they held firearms on spectators. He was arrested in October, 1965, at Crawfordville, Ga., after armed Klansmen had stopped a Negro. [redacted] has been very active in civil rights demonstrations in the State of Georgia. He is a close associate of [redacted] and [redacted] who were tried for the murder of LEMUEL A. PENN.

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[redacted] is a [redacted] born [redacted] Houston County, Alabama, is [redacted] tall, weighs [redacted] pounds, has brown hair and brown eyes. He is presently residing with his mother at Dothan, Alabama. (He reportedly graduated from Dothan High School, Dothan, Alabama, in [redacted])

[redacted] has advised [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

The above information is furnished to the Bureau for evaluation in the event information concerning [redacted] and other members of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., has been recently furnished to the Department of Justice for additional consideration.

# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

7/3/67

airtel

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

To: SAsa, Atlanta  
Mobile

REC 54

From: Director, FBI (157-168)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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UNSUB: FBI Employee Allegedly  
Furnishing Information Regarding  
Bureau Files To A Known Klansman  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-29-88 BY SP8/7-jat

ReAtlanta airtel 6/27/67 captioned "National Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.; Racial Matters (Klan)."

Atlanta is instructed to diligently and dis-  
creetly pursue this matter in order to promptly resolve  
the allegation set out in referenced airtel. [redacted]  
should be immediately reinterviewed for additional de-  
tails concerning this matter. Ascertain from the infor-  
mant how the contact was made with [redacted] by the alleged  
Bureau employee, that is, whether it was by personal  
contact or telephone or by letter. In the event the  
informant does not have this information, he should dis-  
creetly attempt to obtain the above.

Mobile is instructed to expeditiously review  
investigations of Bureau applicants who were graduated  
from the Bethan, Alabama, High School during the period 1958  
to 1967 in order to determine if there are any Bureau  
employees who may have an association with [redacted]

Upon determination of Bureau applicants who  
graduated from Bethan High School during the above period,  
promptly submit their identities as well as any pertinent  
information you may have in your files indicating a rela-  
tionship between the individual and McGriff.

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Airtel to Atlanta

Re: [redacted] Employee Allegedly  
Furnishing Information Regarding  
Bureau Files to A Known Gangster  
157-168

This matter must be given the utmost priority and afforded continuous attention. Insure that any investigation conducted is done in such a manner to afford full security to the informant in this instance.

NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 6/30/67 captioned as above, prepared by JMD:JVN:dam.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

JUL 5 1967

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FBI MOBILE

10-20AM URGENT 7-5-67 JEB

TO DIRECTOR (157-168)

FROM MOBILE (157-13)

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DATE 8-29-88 BY SP8 BTJ/pab

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Wick	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM - KLAN. OO ATLANTA

RE MOTEL JULY FOUR, LAST.

ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED DOTHAN, ALA. HIGH SCHOOL  
DURING PERTINENT PERIOD [REDACTED] AS FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] AT OCONTO,  
WISC., REINSTATEMENT INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JULY, SIXTYFIVE  
BUT WHOSE [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TROY, ALA., ATTENDED DOTHAN HIGH SCHOOL,

APPOINTMENT LETTER FEB. TWENTYSIX, FORTYFOUR; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] HUNTSVILLE, ALA.;

[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] WILMINGTON,

N.C., APPOINTMENT LETTER JAN. FIFTEEN, SIXTYFOUR; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] DOTHAN ALA., APPOINTMENT  
LETTER OCT. TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYSIX, CANCELLED NOV. ONE, SIXTYSIX

AS HER MOTHER WAS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER CITY; [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED] AT DOTHAN, APPOINTMENT LETTER  
JUNE TWENTYONE, SIXTYTWO, SUBSEQUENTLY CANCELLED DUE TO DEATH OF [REDACTED]

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HER [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM, ALA., APPOINTMENT LETTER JULY TWENTYTHREE,

SIXTYTHREE; [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

DID NOT ATTEND DOTHAN HIGH SCHOOL BUT DID ATTEND CARVER HIGH  
SCHOOL IN DOTHAN DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND IS LONG TIME  
RESIDENT OF DOTHAN, APPOINTMENT LETTER MAY TWENTY, SIXTYSIX.

THIS COMPLETES FILE REVIEW. AIRMAIL COPY ATLANTA.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR 157-168

FROM MOBILE 157-13

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DATE 8-29-88 BY SP847/64

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RM (KLAN) OO AT.

REMOTEL JULY THREE LAST.

REVIEW OF APPLICANT INVESTIGATIVE FILES FROM SEPTEMBER NINETEEN  
FIFTYSIX TO PRESENT REVEAL FOLLOWING PERSONS ATTENDED DOTHAN, ALA.  
HIGH SCHOOL DURING PERTINENT PERIOD NINETEEN FIFTYSIX TO NINETEEN  
SIXTYTWO. UNLESS INDICATED IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THESE PERSONS  
WERE SUBSEQUENTLY OFFERED BUREAU EMPLOYMENT. OTHER PERTINENT DATA  
SET FOURTH FOR BUREAU CONSIDERATION; [REDACTED] DOB

[REDACTED] DOTHAN; [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED] DOTHAN; [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED], DOTHAN; [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED] DOTHAN; [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED] CUTHBERT, GA., APPOINTMENT LETTER

MAY TWENTYSEVEN SIXTY; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUREAU EMPLOYEES IN MAY NINETEEN

SIXTY; [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HARTFORD, ALA., APPOINTMENT LETTER JUNE FOURTEEN, SIXTY, JUL 11 1967

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] DOTHAN, MENTIONED

IN REMOTEL: DON [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] HOUSTON

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COUNTY, ALABAMA, APPOINTMENT LETTER JUNE SEVEN SIXTY; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] PRATTVILLE, ALA., APPOINTMENT  
LETTER JUNE FIFTEEN SIXTY; [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOTHAN, INVESTIGATION DISCONTINUED; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] KENDALL, FLA, INVESTIGATION  
DISCONTINUED; [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] GENEVA

CO. ALA., INVESTIGATION DISCONTINUED; [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], DOTHAN, ALA RESIDED SAME BLOCK AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INVESTIGATION DISCONTINUED; [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DONALDSON, GA., INVESTIGATION DISCONTINUED;

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] HOUSTON CO ALA  
INVESTIGATION DISCONTINUED; [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HARFORD, ALA RESIDED SAME STREET AS [REDACTED] RECEIVED

APPOINTMENT LETTER JUNE THIRTY SIXTYONE; [REDACTED] DOB

[REDACTED] GAINESVILLE, FLA., RECEIVED APPOINTMENT  
LETTER JULY TWENTYONE SIXTYONE; [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAYTON, ALA., RECEIVED APPOINTMENT LETTER SPET ONE  
SIXTYONE; [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] AT

DOTHAN, RECEIVED APPOINTMENT LETTER OCT. TWENTYFOUR SIXTYONE, SUBJSEQUED  
CANCELLED AT APPLICANTS REQUEST. ADDITIONAL NAMES FOLLOW.

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Wick	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI MOBILE

819 PM URGENT 7/3/67 VFP

TO DIRECTOR 157-168 AND ATLANTA 157-60

FROM MOBILE 157-13

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DATE 8-29-88 BY SP8 JF/ST

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RM (KLAN) OO AT.

RE AT AIRTEL JUNE TWENTYSEVEN LAST; AT TELCALL JULY THREE  
INSTANT.

APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED APPLICANT INVESTIGATIVE  
FILES BEING REVIEWED COVERING PERIOD SEPT. NINETEEN FIFTYSIX  
TO PRESENT, TO DEVELOPE IDENTITY OF PERSONS POSSIBLY ACQUAINTED  
WITH [REDACTED] AT DOTHAN, ALA HIGH SCHOOL. *PA*  
OF MORE IMMEDIATE INTEREST IS THAT INQUIRES AT DOTHAN PD AND  
SO TODAY NEGATIVE RE PERSONS VISITING DOTHAN FROM SOG IN RECENT  
PAST, HOWEVER, RA RECALLS RECENT VISIT OF FORMER BUREAU EMPLOYEE  
[REDACTED] BUAP [REDACTED] BUFILE SIX SEVEN DASH FIVE *ALA*  
SEVEN FOUR ZERO FOUR ONE. NOTE [REDACTED] LIVED ON SAME STREET  
AS [REDACTED] IN DOTHAN AT ONE TIME. FURTHERMORE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BUAP [REDACTED] BUFILE  
SIX SEVEN DASH FIVE NINE TWO FOUR FOUR EIGHT, APPERS TO  
BE PRESENT EMPLOYEE AT SOG. [REDACTED] ATTENDED DOTHAN H.S.  
NINETEEN FIFTYSIX TO NINETEEN SIXTYTWO AND [REDACTED] ATTENDED  
NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR TO NINETEEN SIXTY. ADDITIONAL NAMES FOLLOW. *800*

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Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sullivan             
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
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7:55PM URGENT 7-3-67 ARK

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ATLANTA

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-29-88 BY SP8

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RM KLAN.

REFERENCE ATLANTA TEL JUNE 27 LAST AND BUREAU PHONE  
CALL <sup>JULY</sup> 3 INSTANT. *Alb*

ADVISED CONTACT WITH

AT COLUMBUS, GA., WAS A

INFORMANT

AND

AGENTS ASSIGNED TO COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AREA HAVE ~~NO~~ KNOWLEDGE  
NY BUREAU EMPLOYEE ON LEAVE DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

reau, it is suggested that it be suitably

7/10/67

airtel

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Callahan

To: SACs, Atlanta  
Mobile

PERSONAL ATTENTION

1 - Mr. Tavel  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan  
1 - [redacted]

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From: Director, FBI (157-168)

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ FBI Employee Allegedly  
Furnishing Information Regarding  
Bureau Files To A Known Klansman  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

*ONATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN INC.*  
ReBuairtel 7/8/67.

Investigation conducted reveals that [redacted]

[redacted] presently assigned to a division not having  
access to Klan or civil rights reports [redacted]  
in [redacted]

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This individual and [redacted]  
[redacted] a former Bureau employee, were interviewed and  
emphatically denied furnishing [redacted] any Bureau informa-  
tion. It is to be noted that [redacted]

It appears that [redacted] is attempting to build up  
his status with his fellow klansmen by alleging that he has  
a source in the FBI. While it is not believed that the  
allegation concerning [redacted] having a source in the FBI  
has any validity, it is necessary, however, that this matter  
be followed closely to insure that there is no compromise of  
Bureau files.

In the event any pertinent information is developed  
concerning this matter, promptly advise the Bureau.

JGP:dsm (13) *dsm*

NOTE:

See memorandum C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
dated 7/7/67 captioned as above, prepared by JGP:dsm.

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Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MAY 1962 EDITION  
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : C. D. Brennan *CB/BH*

SUBJECT: UNSUB; FBI Employee Allegedly  
Furnishing Information Regarding  
Bureau Files To A Known Klansman  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Callahan

DATE: 6/30/67

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan  
1 - [redacted]

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### PURPOSE:

*OPTIONAL KNOWN PLAN*  
*THE KNOWN PLAN*  
The purpose of this memorandum is to secure approval to instruct the Atlanta and Mobile Divisions to expeditiously and discreetly resolve the allegation set out above.

### BACKGROUND:

Atlanta airtel of 6/27/67 set out information obtained from a racial informant to the effect that [redacted] advised the informant that he had learned from a Bureau employee in Washington, D. C., with whom he had attended high school in Dothan, Alabama, that [redacted] Bureau file, and approximately 40 or 50 other files had been sent to the Department of Justice.

We do not send files as such to the Department of Justice, but on a daily basis we are sending copies of investigative reports and other pertinent matters to the Department. Review of Bureau files reveals that [redacted] and [redacted] are subjects in the Bureau case captioned [redacted]; ET AL; [redacted] Victims; Civil Rights," Bureau file 44-30044. A copy of an investigative report in this matter dated 6/9/67 by Special Agent [redacted] at Savannah was transmitted to the Civil Rights Division of the Department on 6/12/67.

There is no indication from the information furnished by the informant that the alleged leak from Bureau files refers to this specific report; however, due to the coincidence of the date of the report and the date [redacted] advised the informant of this alleged contact with a Bureau employee, it is felt this matter must be expeditiously resolved.

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*Memo - C.D. Brennan to Sullivan 7/5/67*  
*JGD:JVW*



Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: UNSUB; FBI Employee Allegedly  
Furnishing Information Regarding  
Bureau Files To A Known Klansman  
157-168

In order to bring this matter to a logical conclusion, Mobile is being instructed to review files on investigations of our applicants who were graduated from the Dothan, Alabama, High School during the period 1958 to 1967 in order to effect identification of alleged Bureau employee. It is noted that [redacted] reportedly graduated from this high school in 1962. Atlanta, whose informant learned this information, is being instructed to pursue this matter diligently and discreetly. We are also attempting to resolve this matter through a check of appropriate records at the Seat of Government.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel to Atlanta and Mobile in accordance with the above be approved.

ADDENDUM:

It is to be noted that the Mobile Office was telephonically instructed at 2:45 p.m., this date, to institute the file review referred to above.

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*Expenditure.*  
*H* *Wicks* *✓* *sk* *mm*

# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: UNSUB; FBI Employee Allegedly  
Furnishing Information Regarding  
Bureau Files To A Known Klansman  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Callahan

DATE: July 5, 1967

1 - Mr. Tavel  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan  
1 - [REDACTED]

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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PURPOSE: *THE KU KLUX KLAN*

To advise the results of investigation conducted  
to date concerning captioned matter.

### BACKGROUND:

By memorandum dated 6/30/67 from C. D. Brennan to  
Mr. W. C. Sullivan, captioned as above, it was set out that  
information was received from a racial informant to the  
effect that [REDACTED] a klansman, advised

The Director instructed that the investigation  
concerning this allegation should be expedited.

In line with the Director's instructions, inves-  
tigation is being conducted in the Mobile and Atlanta  
Divisions as well as at the Seat of Government.

The Atlanta Division advised that in a recontact  
with the informant, [REDACTED]

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The Mobile Division is expeditiously reviewing approximately 2,500 applicant investigation files covering the pertinent period in this matter in order to attempt to develop the identities of persons possibly acquainted with [redacted]

To date Mobile has advised the identities of 22 individuals who graduated from Dothan High School during the pertinent period and possibly may have known [redacted]. These files are being reviewed at the Seat of Government. In addition, it has been determined that none of the male employees in the Bureau mail room are from the Dothan, Alabama, area. It would appear that an individual working in the mail room possibly would have seen a report concerning [redacted] therefore, we specifically checked the background of the male clerks. As stated above, none are from the Dothan, Alabama, area.

The Resident Agent at Dothan, Alabama, recalls a recent visit to Dothan of a former Bureau employee. [redacted]

[redacted], whose [redacted] is presently employed at the Seat of Government. [redacted] lived on the same street as [redacted] in Dothan at one time and attended Dothan High School from 1954 to 1960. [redacted] attended Dothan High School from 1956 to 1962. This possible relationship between [redacted] and [redacted] is being explored further. [redacted] is assigned Card Index Section, Identification Division.

The leave records of the Communications Section were checked and it was determined that none of the clerks who had annual leave showed travel to the Dothan, Alabama, or the Columbus, Georgia, areas.

ACTION:

You will be advised of all pertinent developments.

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July 6, 1967

I am married to [redacted] who was employed by the Bureau for approximately [redacted] ending in [redacted] [redacted]s from Dothan, Alabama, and I am from Dover, Delaware. We have been married four years as of June 15, 1967.

During the period June 19-23, 1967, we visited [redacted] home in Dothan. During this time we visited with neighbors and friends of my husband's family, the [redacted] family, including [redacted]. My husband told me that [redacted] was a former Klansman. In fact, my husband told me at the time that I was reinstated in the Bureau I would probably be interviewed by Bureau officials concerning his [redacted]. I believe he told me this because his mother had been interviewed by Bureau Agents in Dothan concerning [redacted].

During the most recent visit with the [redacted] family no Bureau business was discussed in my presence. I am not personally aware of any of [redacted] Klan activities and I have never seen any Bureau correspondence concerning [redacted]. Other than mentioning that I might possibly be interviewed in connection with [redacted] membership in the Klan, my husband and I have never discussed any official FBI investigation of [redacted].

I am presently assigned to the Card Index Section alphabetical name files. My file includes the names [redacted] through [redacted]. I have never checked any FBI records for personal reasons. I am not aware of whether [redacted] has any record in Ident files.

The above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I am aware that this is going to be made an official record of the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Callahan

DATE: July 7, 1967

FROM : C. D. Brennan

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1 - Mr. Tavel  
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1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
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SUBJECT: UNSUB; FBI Employee Allegedly  
Furnishing Information Regarding  
Bureau Files To A Known Klansman  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

### SYNOPSIS:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that investigation determined that the only present Bureau employee having contact with [redacted] did not have access to the type of Bureau information [redacted] is alleged to have obtained. This individual was identified as

[redacted] is a former Bureau employee who resigned 4/7/67. Both she and her husband emphatically denied furnishing any Bureau information.

By memorandum dated 6/30/67 from C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, captioned as above, it was set out that information was received from a racial informant to the effect that [redacted] a klansman, advised the informant he had learned from a Bureau employee in Washington, D. C., with whom he had attended high school in Dothan, Alabama, that [redacted] Bureau file and approximately 40 or 50 other files had been sent to the Department of Justice. The Director instructed that the investigation concerning this allegation should be expedited.

Extensive file review conducted both in the field and at the Seat of Government revealed that there were 43 individuals who graduated from Dothan High School during the pertinent period who had applied and/or were employed by the Bureau. As a result of this action, it was determined that

[redacted] presently assigned to the Identification Division and married to former [redacted] had contact with [redacted] during June, 1967. [redacted] were interviewed and both emphatically denied furnishing any Bureau information to [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted] were not in a position to obtain the type of information [redacted] alleged he obtained from a Bureau employee.

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It is noted that the [redacted] family and the [redacted] family have had a rather close association due to the fact that the [redacted] is a distant relative to the [redacted] and they resided on the same street in Dothan, Alabama. It appears that [redacted] knowing that [redacted] is [redacted]

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[redacted] used this knowledge to build up his status with his fellow klansmen by alleging that he has a source in the FBI. While it is not believed that the allegation made has any validity, it is believed that we should continue to follow this matter to insure that there is no compromise of Bureau files.

ACTION:

That attached airtel to Atlanta and Mobile be approved instructing those divisions to continue to follow this matter through appropriate sources and to promptly advise the Bureau if any pertinent information is developed.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials: JH, JH 200, WLS, OK., D, S]*

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: UNSUB; FBI Employee Allegedly  
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Bureau Files To A Known Klansman

DETAILS:

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that investigation determined that the only Bureau employee having contact with [redacted] did not have access to the type of Bureau information [redacted] is alleged to have obtained.

BACKGROUND:

By memorandum dated 6/30/67 from C. D. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, captioned as above, it was set out that information was received from a racial informant to the effect that [redacted] a klansman. advised

[redacted]

In line with the Director's instructions, the following investigative steps were taken. The Mobile Office reviewed 2,500 applicant investigation files to determine the identities of individuals who attended Dothan High School. The files of 43 individuals were reviewed at the Seat of Government.

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It was determined from this review that the only individual presently employed with the Bureau who possibly could have been implicated in this matter is [redacted]

[redacted] She is presently assigned in the Card Index Section. Identification Division. [redacted]

[redacted] who resigned [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed and detailed results of the interview are attached to this memorandum. She advised that she and her husband visited Dothan, Alabama,

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during the period June 19 - 23, 1967, during which time  
they visited with neighbors and friends of the [redacted]

[redacted] including the [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] emphatically advised [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed and

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while employed at the Bureau, he was assigned to the Technical Section of the Identification Division and with such an assignment did not have access to Klan or civil rights reports.

[redacted] was questioned extensively concerning other individuals who attended Dothan High School and who became Bureau employees. He could not furnish any names in addition to those furnished by the Mobile Division. He was also questioned concerning any present Bureau employee with whom he may associate who may have access to Bureau reports and none of his associates have such access. The confidential nature of Bureau files was again reiterated to [redacted]

OBSERVATIONS:

On recontact with the informant in this matter, it was determined that the alleged contact with [redacted] was made by a male individual and that it was a personal contact. The informant stated that he did not believe

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[redacted] While it is not believed that this allegation has any validity, it is, however, believed that we should continue to follow this matter to insure that there is no compromise of Bureau files.

ACTION:

That attached airtel to Atlanta and Mobile be

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approved instructing those divisions to continue to follow  
this matter through appropriate sources and to promptly  
advise the Bureau if any pertinent information is developed.

A handwritten signature, possibly "JH", is written in dark ink on the left side of the page.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RM - KLAN</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated 2/16/67, at Atlant

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LEADS:

Information copies of this report are sent to Cleveland and Cincinnati in view of activity of NKKKK in area covered by those offices. One information copy is being sent to Birmingham in view of apparent efforts on the part of VENABLE to organize in Alabama through

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Will continue to follow and report activities of this organization.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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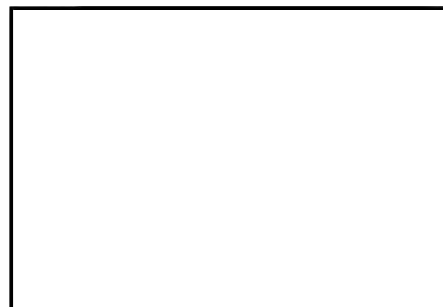
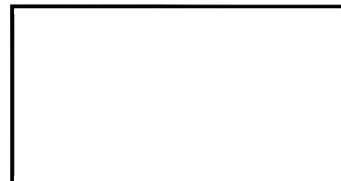
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The content of this report is confined to the activity of subject organization within the Atlanta Division to the extent to which it is practicable to do so. Other divisions having activity of this organization within its areas report on such activity and a complete summary of overall activity is submitted in accordance with Bureau instructions by February 15 each year.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: Atlanta, Georgia

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July 11, 1961

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 157-168

Title:

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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Synopsis:

Headquarters of NKKKK located in the Carl Garmon Building, Tucker, Ga. JAMES R. VENABLE is Imperial Wizard of NKKKK. VENABLE opposed to having state officers. NKKKK has units at Barnesville and Tucker, Ga., and one small unit at Hartwell, Ga., with total estimated membership of 36-38. Barnesville klavern holds regular meetings. NKKKK not known to have any bank account. VENABLE has allegedly had published a phonograph record praising klan.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) is included in the Appendix of this report.

# I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

## A. Headquarters

Headquarters of the NKKKK is located in the Carl Garmon Building, Idlewood Road and Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, Georgia.

[REDACTED]

## B. Charter Information

A meeting of the NKKKK was held at the National Headquarters at Tucker, Georgia, September 6, 1964, at which meeting JAMES R. VENABLE announced to the group that he had incorporated the NKKKK and he stated it is being operated as a separate klan the same as the other Klans having membership in the national group.

[REDACTED]

The NKKKK was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

## C. Objectives

The NKKKK was chartered as a patriotic, secret, social and benevolent order.

In December, 1963, the NKKKK issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic and anti-foreign born.

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## D. National and State Officers

The NKKKK has two national officers. They are JAMES R. VENABLE who is Imperial Wizard and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] division of that organization.

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At a meeting of a group having a partial affiliation with the NKKKK held on April 25, 1967 in Marietta, Georgia, it was stated that [redacted] is to be the [redacted] for Georgia of the NKKKK. [redacted] was stated to reside on Johnson Ferry Road in Fulton County, Georgia, and was stated to be an [redacted]

During June, 1967 JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, made the statement that there would be no state officers of NKKKK and he would head up the organization within the state of Georgia as well as nationally.

On May 1, 1967, JAMES R. VENABLE stated that he wants the NKKKK to work on an individual klavern basis regardless of where they are organized and to work without a state organization, meaning that he would circumvent state control of the klaverns and the control of the individual klavern into the hands of the national headquarters.

#### E. Summary of Organizational Activity

The leadership of the NKKKK is handled by JAMES R. VENABLE who does not allow any other person to have a voice in the affairs of the organization. VENABLE constantly displays some bit of senility and absentmindedness as evidenced by the manner in which he conducts himself and contradicts himself. There is practically no organization of the NKKKK on a continuing basis.

[redacted] and [redacted]

During the early part of 1967, JAMES R. VENABLE had been in some contact with [redacted] former [redacted] of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in the state of Alabama. VENABLE had been considering [redacted] as an individual who might be able to organize for the NKKKK in the state of Alabama. It is unlikely that [redacted] will participate in such organizing activities in behalf of the NKKKK.

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A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) is included in the Appendix of this report.

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As of February, 1967, members of the NKKKK in the state of Ohio operated loosely and they receive almost no cooperation from the national organization in Georgia.

VENABLE is an ineffective leader and often times does not attend meetings of the unit at Tucker, Georgia, even though that is where his membership is.

## II. ACTIVITIES OF KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

### A. Name and Location of Units

The NKKKK has units at Barnesville and Thomaston, Georgia, which meet jointly at Barnesville. That unit has a membership of approximately eight to ten members. NKKKK has a unit which meets at the national headquarters at Tucker, Georgia, and has a membership of approximately twenty members.

In addition to the above units in the state of Georgia, NKKKK has a small unit which meets occasionally at Hartwell, Georgia. It has a membership of about eight men.

A unit is in existence in Cobb County, Georgia, which meets at the home of [redacted] on Powers Ferry Road. This group is affiliated in a loose way with both the NKKKK and Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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A characterization of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is included in the Appendix of this report.

On May 1, 1967, VENABLE stated that [redacted] group from Marietta, Georgia, was banished (expelled) from the NKKKK.

**B. Identity of Officers**

[redacted] acts as [redacted] the unit of NKKKK at Tucker, Georgia.

[redacted] is the [redacted] of the unit at Barnesville, Georgia. He is the only officer of that unit.

**C. Summary of Klavern Activities**

Between January 14, 1967, and May 21, 1967, the Barnesville Unit held at least 21 meetings at the home of [redacted] or at the Holy Bible Church, Inc., which was organized by that group as a private school and church.

[redacted] from [redacted]  
to [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] from [redacted]  
to [redacted]

At a meeting of the Barnesville unit held on January 28, 1967, two of the members exchanged a .30 caliber carbine and a .35 caliber Eagle carbine.

At a meeting of the Barnesville unit held on [redacted]

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[redacted] keeps numerous guns in his home and in locations which are accessible from most any place in his home.

[redacted]  
At a meeting of the Barnesville unit on March 12, 1967, several of the members came to the meeting armed heavily.

[redacted]  
On April 5, 1967, the funeral was held for JOHNNY TERRELL a recently deceased member of the Barnesville unit. Members of the Barnesville unit attended and also JAMES R. VENABLE and [redacted] attended.

### III. FINANCES

The NKKKK has no known bank account at the present time. VENABLE operates it financially out of his pocket and it has cost him a great deal of money, but no bank account is known to exist.

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### IV. PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

JAMES R. VENABLE is alleged to have sent a phonograph record to one [redacted] in Texas. The record is put out by the NKKKK. Side number 1 is entitled "Ku Klux Klan Stops Atlanta Race War; United Nations Riots, Jewish -Led; Police Protected by Mayor Ivan Allen". Side number 2 is entitled "Ku Klux Klan Will Save America and Caucasian Race- Join It".

### V. MISCELLANEOUS

In December 1966 a mimeographed letter from JAMES R. VENABLE was made available. The letter was designed to promote an interest in individual Klan groups in establishing firearms ranges. The letter stated that a firearms range was already established near the NKKKK Headquarters at Tucker, Georgia.

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INCORPORATED

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (KKKK, Inc.) was incorporated on December 7, 1959, in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, on a petition signed by [redacted]  
[redacted]

A source advised on [redacted] that at that time [redacted] and [redacted] were [redacted] of the Jonesboro, Georgia, Unit of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

A [redacted] source stated in [redacted] that Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., used the same ritual as the Klan chartered in 1916 by WILLIAM JOSEPH SIMMONS. The same source advised in 1960 that Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., had as its objectives the maintenance of white supremacy and segregation of the races.

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The [redacted] source reported in [redacted] that the organization is no longer in existence, having merged into United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in July, 1961.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name of United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute, and the United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The [ ] source and a [ ] source advised in [ ] that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is [ ] by [ ] and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.

On [ ] the [ ] source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The [ ] source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

[ ] source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.



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Atlanta, Georgia  
July 14, 1967

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Character              **RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN**

Reference              **Report of SA [redacted]  
[redacted] t Atlanta, dated  
and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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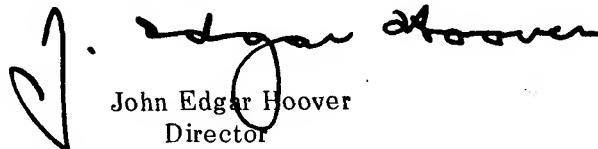
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM captioned "PROPOSAL TO SHOOT INTO HOME OF [REDACTED] BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA, BY MEMBERS OF NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC."

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] who has advised that [REDACTED] plans to include him on any proposed acts of shooting and that he will be in a position to advise the Bureau prior to any such acts. [REDACTED] feels [REDACTED] will not shoot into the home of [REDACTED] due to pending criminal action against him at Crawfordville, Georgia.

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PROPOSAL TO SHOOT INTO THE HOME OF MRS. ARTHUR  
WILLIAMS, BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA, BY MEMBERS OF  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

On [redacted] who has furnished re-  
liable information in the past, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] Barnesville Unit, National Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK) has made statements very  
critical of ten white women who are teaching in connection  
with the Headstart Project at Booker School, an all Negro  
school in Barnesville, Georgia. [redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] has made the statement that he had ridden by  
the home of [redacted] and that it would be simple  
to put a few shots of buckshot into this home. [redacted]  
[redacted] is in charge of the Headstart Project in Lamar  
County, Georgia.

[redacted] has advised that [redacted] subse-  
quently made the statement that the law was watching the  
residence of [redacted] twenty-four hours a day and  
that there was no chance to shoot into it.

On July 19, 1967, [redacted] Sam Taylor,  
Chief of Police, Barnesville, Georgia, and [redacted]  
[redacted] Lamar County, Georgia, were advised of the state-  
ments of [redacted] concerning shooting into the home  
of [redacted]

(A characterization of National Knights of the Ku  
Klux Klan is attached.)

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